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PATENT APPLICATION***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Group
Art Unit: 1625

Attorney
Docket No.: 133697-00¹⁶

Applicant: Yuanchao LI et al.

Invention: TRIPTOLIDE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR
USES

Serial No: 10/540,908

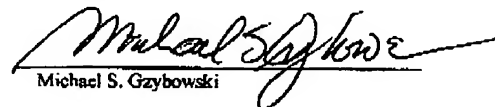
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application, applicants submit the following:

In the Office Action the Examiner has instituted a Restriction Requirement in which the Examiner has taken the position that the application includes claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions, identified by the Examiner as follows:

Group 1, claims 1-7, drawn to triptolide derivatives; and

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Group 2, claims 8-10, drawn to pharmaceutical methods of use of the compounds of Group 1.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to have claims 1-7 (Group 1) examined in the present application.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the basis that the claims of Group 1 are directed to new derivatives of triptolide which are considered novel. The claims of Group 2 are directed to the use of the derivatives of triptolide of Group 1. Therefore, if the derivatives of triptolide are novel and patentable, the use of the derivatives of triptolide is likewise novel and patentable.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and examine all the pending claims in the present application.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.


If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remains outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of

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time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,


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